

# Wycombe give SAT. 16/12/78 Hendon a gift goal

Hendon..... 1  
Wycombe Wanderers 0  
Hendon's biggest defeat  
of the season so far was  
the 5-0 drubbing at  
Wycombe Wanderers in  
August.

On Saturday,  
Hendon took their  
revenge, beating  
Wycombe 1-0. But the  
goal was a present, gift-  
wrapped and just in time  
for Christmas to end  
Hendon's run of five  
successive games  
without a win.

The decisive goal in the  
12th minutes also helped to  
reshape the course of the  
game. The home defence  
was taking a fair pounding  
before former Hendon star  
Allan Phillips conceded a silly  
corner. He attempted a  
pass back to left-back Bobby  
Davies, but they muffed it  
between them, and the ball  
went for a corner.

A defender ducked as  
Graham Sewell's inswinging  
kick came over from the  
right, and the ball struck the  
surprised John Maskell, who  
was standing by the near  
post, rebounded off the  
goalkeeper's body into the  
net.

## Lifted

It lifted Hendon to greater  
effort — though they only  
forced one more corner to  
Wycombe's 12 — and they  
never looked in any danger  
of losing.

Goalkeeper Gary Steel,  
given strong defensive cover,  
frequently fisted the ball  
away with the skill of a boxer,  
and the team benefited  
from the tremendous efforts  
of central defender Alan  
Campbell and Gary Hand,  
some good play by Alan  
Roughan and John Steer,  
with skipper Rod Haider  
also having an impressive  
outing.

Up front, the tireless, but  
often frustrating Roy Butler  
made it a difficult afternoon  
for Phillips and should really  
have given Hendon a more  
impressive result. He did hit  
the bar in the 19th minute,  
but missed an easier chance  
when put clean through by  
Ray O'Callaghan. Butler  
side-stepped Phillips before  
slipping over as he shot too  
quickly, and was well wide  
with only the goalkeeper to  
beat.

## Poor pass

Hendon almost paid the  
penalty for a poor back pass  
by Hand just before the in-  
terval, but with Steel drawn  
out of position, Steve  
Hardwick, who intercepted,

angled over an empty net.

Game Mickey Cooper was  
knocked out in the 52nd  
minute during a goalmouth  
skirmish as Wycombe tried  
to fight their way back; and,  
though slightly concussed,  
heroically carried on.

Georgie Brooks fluffed a  
great chance after 69  
minutes, following a splendid  
cross by Sewell, but the miss  
of the match must go to  
Phillips, who tried to back-  
head a corner from the left  
only to put over the Hendon  
bar.

Afterwards both Steer and  
Roughan reported groin in-

juries, and could miss the  
league visit to Hayes on Box-  
ing Day morning.

It adds to the worries of  
manager Dave Hogwood,  
who has doubts about Peter  
Deadman, hurt again playing  
for the reserves on Saturday.  
Peter Anderson also has  
domestic problems. All is not  
well with his baby born last  
week.

**Hendon:** Steel, Cooper, Hand,  
Roughan, Campbell, Haider,  
O'Callaghan, Steer, Butler, Sewell,  
Brooks. Substitute: Garrini.

**Wycombe:** Maskell, Birdseye,  
Davies, Mead, Phillips, Hardwick,  
Atkins, Holifield, Long, Kennedy,  
Scott. Substitute: Evans.